

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The regular meeting of the Board of Fire Engineers was held Feb. 27, 2007; meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. In attendance: Chief Al Galinelli, Norman Blank, Robert Miner, Brian Remy, James Sousa, Christopher Stanley, Jon Ulmschneider, & Carolyn O'Brien. Also: Scott Little, Anthony Primiano, & Fred Cavallaro.

Minutes from previous meeting read. J. Ulmschneider made motion, seconded by R. Miner, to accept as submitted; motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

„« Individual company correspondence distributed.

„« Letter re: Bristol Fourth of July Parade read; Chief said Ladder mentioned interest in having a float.

Old Business:

„« Chief read letter from Mark Oribello re: being excused from rescue duty crews. R. Miner made motion, seconded by N. Blank, that Chief send a letter advising him he will be required to respond to and assist at calls other than ALS; he will not be permitted to respond to only ALS.

„« Duty crew participation ;V Jack McCullough still out of town for work. N. Blank made motion, seconded by R. Miner, to extend his leave of absence; motion unanimously passed.

„« Chief needs signed budget forms by this Friday; N. Blank is to take them to the deputy town clerk. Budget hearing scheduled for Sat., March 3rd, 10:00, with the final hearing scheduled for Sat., March 10th.

„« Chief stated all department members who previously indicated they need hepatitis shots is to get them at Metacom Medical Center.

New Business:

„« Firemen's Memorial Sunday is June 10th. Eng. 3 will do the breakfast.

„« Chief stated hose testing cards will be distributed shortly.

„« Career Fair scheduled for Thursday, April 5th, 9:00 a.m. to noon, at KMS; Chief wants Special Hazards, Ladder, an Engine, and Rescue to participate.

„« Chief is setting up a one-hour class for Board member, company captains, & rescue lieutenants to attend in order to get permits for the use of red lights on their personal vehicles.

„« Department-wide officers test scheduled for Feb. 28th.

„« Chief reminded everyone that all items to be placed on, or removed from, any department vehicle is to have prior approval from him.

Training:

„« NIMS training going well. Chief stated even if instruction done on-line, you should still attend a class to better understand it. Chief gave credit to Chief Gordon and the police for attending with fire department personnel to complete the training. J. Souse asked if our

SOPs would need to be changed; Chief said only to include NIMS in the event of a major disaster.

„« HazMat make-up class scheduled for Feb. 28th, 6:30 p.m., Station 3.

„« Only 17 of the 35 who need CPR re-certification have done so. Chief stated if anyone is not compliant with requirement, they cannot do rescue calls. Chief will hold next stipend checks until proof provided they are compliant. Special Hazards members must also be certified, since Hazards is a fourth-line rescue vehicle.

„« Firefighter I class to begin in March.

„« EMT re-certification classes have already started.

„« Training at the Sewer Department scheduled in April. N. Blank wants to leave Chief & Asst. Chiefs out, to see how the companies manage themselves. This is not to be a confined space drill. The Chief and Board will critique the drill afterwards.

Other:

„« March rescue meeting rescheduled for March 6th, due to re-certification classes.

„« Chief wants following relayed to company members:

. We had two fires in seven days; Chief commends entire department for a job well done.

. Safety Officers division has been established. Chief read their reports about these fires; they noted the Accountability Officer at the Wood Street fire did a good job, but was in civilian clothes. Chief wants to put several vests on Special Hazards to be available to

individuals in the future.

. Department members need to let Chief know if they need an accountability tag.

. If Safety Officer tells members to do something, department officers are not to counter that command, or make negative comments.

. Department members should park personal vehicles further down the street from fire scenes, to allow apparatus to get in.

„« Chief feels Board should meet with Kevin Kelleher about Safety Officers in general.

„« N. Blank suggested having Safety Officers compile a check-off list for items which need to be addressed at scenes; Chief stated they already have one.

„« F. Cavallaro asked at what point does rescue get dispatched to a fire call. Chief stated they should respond after the engines, but should not call on the air when responding.

„« Chief told F. Cavallaro to inform all rescue members than only Warren Fire Department issued tags, etc. are acceptable when participating in Warren in any way, including, but not limited to, duty crews.

There being no further business to discuss, B. Remy made motion, seconded by J. Ulmschneider, to adjourn. Motion unanimously passed; meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.